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NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMAN

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FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR JAN 30 NOON
BRIEFING. NO QUESTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT WERE ASKED.

QUOTE

QUESTION: THE KOREAN PRESS IS REPORTING THAT AT A
BREAKFAST CONVERSATION WITH A KOREAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY-
MAN YESTERDAY, THE SECRETARY STATED THAT THERE WAS STILL
A POSSIBILITY THAT U.S. MILITARY GRANT ASSISTANCE MIGHT
BE PROVIDED TO KOREA. CAN THE DEPARTMENT CONFIRM THIS?

ANSWER: THE NEWS ACCOUNT WE HAVE SEEN PRESENTS AN IN-
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ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF A BRIEF CASUAL CONVERSATION. WITH

REGARD TO MILITARY GRANT AID, THE PRESIDENT IN HIS MESSAGE TO CONGRESS EARLIER THIS WEEK CLEARLY STATED THE ADMINISTRATION'S INTENTION NO LONGER TO SEEK GRANT MATERIEL AID FOR THE ROK AND FIVE LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS AFTER THE END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR. THE PRESIDENT POINT-ED OUT THAT HE WOULD BE SEEKING EXPANDED MILITARY SALES

CREDITS INSTEAD.

QUESTION: HOW ABOUT THE OTHER ELEMENTS IN THE INTER-VIEW? THE SECRETARY IS QUOTED TO HAVE SAID HE DID NOT WANT A JAPANESE INFLUENCE ON U.S. FOREIGN POLICY. IS THIS THE OFFICIAL DEPARTMENT VIEW?

ANSWER: THE CENTRAL IMPORTANCE OF OUR RELATIONSHIP TO JAPAN IS CLEARLY SPELLED OUT IN BOTH THE PRESIDENT'S PACIFIC DOCTRINE SPEECH AND IN THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH BEFORE THE JAPAN SOCIETY LAST JUNE. END QUOTE KISSINGER

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